



Mountain View Recycling Resource

YOUR SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT • RECYCLING • REUSE • WASTE PREVENTION • POLLUTION PREVENTION • SPRING 2014

Citywide Garage Sale

At Your Home

Saturday, May 3, 8 am to 2 pm

- Free newspaper advertising for sellers.
- Buyers may search online for sale items and locations at www.MVrecycle.org.
- Maps available May 2 online and at select locations.
- Hold a sale at your home or coordinate a block sale or fundraiser.



Register by April 18 online at www.MVrecycle.org or call **(650) 903-6227** to obtain registration form.

Community Yard Sale

At Rengstorff Park*

Saturday, May 10, 8 am to 2 pm

- Over 100 vendors in one location with hot bargains, good food and more.
- Admission free to buyers. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee.

To register or for more information, call **(650) 903-6331**.

*Rengstorff Park is located at 201 S. Rengstorff Ave.



Paper Shredding Events

At SMaRT Station® in Sunnyvale
Saturdays: April 26, August 23, and November 1 • 8 am to 12 noon

- Proof of Mountain View residency required (e.g., utility bill, driver's license).
- Bring only confidential documents such as tax returns, bank statements and medical records.
- No heavy binders, binder clips, mixed media such as VHS tapes, CDs or computer disc/drives (paper clips, staples, spiral notebooks ok).
- Limit of five (5) banker boxes or paper grocery bags per household per event.
- Unloading assistance available, if needed.

Call **(650) 903-6311** for more information.

See page 4 for a map to the SMaRT Station.

Environmental Day: Promoting Recycling and Reuse

Saturday, April 5

At Microsoft parking lot,

1085 La Avenida • 10 am to 2 pm

Drop Off reusable or recyclable items such as gently used books, toys and furniture; E-waste; yard waste; and small amounts of household construction project materials.

Pick Up finished compost, free of charge, bring containers

For limits and a complete list of accepted items, call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.

New Food Container Ordinance

No Prepared Food Dispensed in “Foam” Containers

City Council introduced a new food container ordinance last month, and if adopted at a second reading set for March 25, will become effective on July 1. The ordinance will prohibit all food providers located in or operating within Mountain View from providing prepared food or beverage using containers made from polystyrene foam. In addition, retail sales of foam food service ware and foam ice chests are prohibited. The purpose of the ordinance is to protect wildlife, reduce waste and litter, and comply with new Stormwater Permit requirements to improve water quality.



The ordinance applies to any place serving food or beverage for dine-in or take-out whether or not there is a charge. It includes restaurants, caterers, cafeterias (at schools or places of employment whether or not open to the public), food trucks, grocery stores, street festivals, farmer's markets, fraternal organizations, and waiting rooms. It does not affect pre-packaged food or beverage delivered to the food provider's location (such as ramen noodles), or food meant for further preparation or consumption (such as raw meat). The rules also apply to City facilities, including all concessionaires, lessees, employees, and renters (including permitted group BBQ areas).

For more information, visit www.MVrecycle.org or call (650) 903-6311.

Prevent Food Waste—Understand Product Dating!

Understanding food product dating is important to help reduce food waste. People get confused by “Use-By” and “Best-By” dates, often resulting in consumable food being thrown out unnecessarily. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (www.fsis.usda.gov search for “food product dating”):

- “Open Dating” consists of a calendar date stamped on a product's package to help the store determine how long to display the product for sale (“sell-by”) or the purchaser to know the time limit to purchase or use the product at its best quality (“use-by” or “best-by”). They are not safety dates. Open dating is found primarily on perishable foods such as meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products. Even if the date expires during home storage, a product should be safe, wholesome and of good quality if handled properly. Watch for off odors, flavor or appearance due to spoilage bacteria.
- “Closed” or “coded” dating might appear on shelf-stable products such as cans and boxes of food. These codes, which appear as a series of letters and/or numbers might refer to the date or time of manufacture. They aren't meant to be interpreted as “use-by” dates. However, some shelf products may display calendar dates, typically “best if used by” dates for peak quality.

Food Storage Tips

Purchase the product before the date expires. If a perishable product has a “use-by” date, follow that date for best quality. If it has a “sell-by” date or no date, cook or freeze by the times recommended by the USDA (find charts at website referenced in article).

Purchase eggs before the “sell-by” or “EXP” date on carton. Once home, place in coldest part of refrigerator in original carton (not in the door). For best quality, use within 3 to 5 weeks of purchase.

Canned foods are safe indefinitely as long as they are not exposed to freezing temperatures, or temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Discard cans that are dented, rusted or swollen. High-acid canned foods (tomatoes, fruits) will keep their best quality for 12-18 months; low-acid canned foods (meats, vegetables) for 2 to 5 years.

Repair Café Comes to Mountain View

Repair Café is based on a simple premise—if it's broken, fix it. Applying this concept to small household appliances, electronic devices and clothes can benefit both you and the environment by saving on replacement costs and avoiding disposal. Attend an event and have volunteers assess and fix (or help you fix) your things. This is a volunteer-run, community service hosted on an occasional basis. The next Repair Café will be held on Sunday, April 27 from 11 am to 3 pm at 599 Fairchild Drive (Hacker Dojo). For more information or to volunteer, contact RepairCafeMV@gmail.com or call **(415) 513-6564**.



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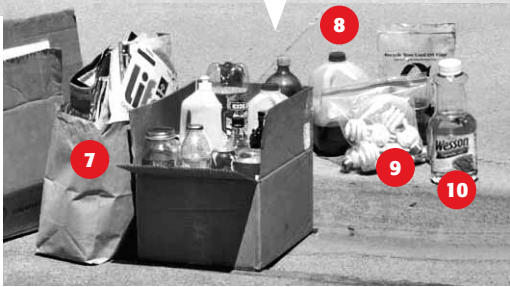
BayAreaEcoGardens.org

A new website showcasing regional eco-gardening resources is now available thanks to a collaboration of agencies in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Visit www.bayareaecogardens.org for one-stop

information about water conservation, composting, integrated pest management, plant selection and classes and events related to sustainable gardening.



Garbage and recycling set out



Single Family Service

Where to Set Out Carts

Set out all carts in the street by 7 am on collection day, leaving at least 18 inches between carts, and away from overhanging trees, basketball hoops, carports, and balconies. Remove carts no later than the next day. Store the carts inside your garage or behind a fence, hedge or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. Do not place carts on top of the curb or sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, the carts will be collected from the top of the curb.

Extra Garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Safeway or Nob Hill Store, the Mountain View Public Library, the Finance Department at City Hall, or Recology at 935 Terra Bella Avenue (weekdays 9 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm). Call stores ahead to confirm availability. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

How to Recycle

- 1. Extra Yard Trimmings:** Set out no more than 2 extra containers of yard trimmings. Use large paper lawn and refuse bags (available at hardware and home and garden stores) or plastic cans. No metal cans or plastic bags please. Container limit is 32-gallons and 50 pounds. If you regularly have extra yard trimmings, order additional cart(s).
- 2. Mixed Paper (Grey Lid):** Place paper in the cart under the grey lid—newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces.
- 3. Household Batteries:** Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology and set on top of recycling cart. Recology will empty and return the bag for reuse. Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire.
- 4. Cell Phones:** Place phones in a clear, sealed plastic bag and set on top of your recycling cart.
- 5. Mixed Containers (Blue Lid):** Place containers in the cart under the blue lid—glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs #1-7, metal cans and lids.
- 6. Cardboard:** Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3' x 3' in size and place on top of curb next to the recycling cart.
- 7. Extra Recycling:** Set out no more than 2 extra containers of recycling. Place cans and bottles in one paper bag or small box next to cart. Place mixed paper in another paper bag or box. No plastic bags please. If you regularly have extra recycling, order a larger or second cart.
- 8. Used Motor Oil and Filters:** Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.
- 9. Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs):** Place CFLs in a clear sealed plastic bag and set on the curb next to recycling cart. NO fluorescent tubes (take to SMaRT Station).
- 10. Used Cooking Oil:** Contain in a clear plastic bottle or jug with a screw-top lid. Set on the curb next to your recycling cart.

Multi-Family Service

How to Recycle

Multi-family complexes have group carts for recycling. Different carts are provided for Mixed Containers and Mixed Paper (Newspaper Only carts are being phased out; newspaper may be placed in Mixed Paper carts).

Containers

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs, metal cans and lids in the Containers cart.

Paper

Place newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the Paper and Cardboard cart.

Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape large cardboard into bundles no more than 3' x 3' in size and place next to the carts. **Smaller cardboard pieces may be placed in cart.**

Other Recyclables

Property representatives should call Recology to inquire about collection of motor oil and filters, cooking oil, household batteries, CFLs and cell phones at their properties.

Buddy Bags

Specially designed bags are available for carrying sorted recyclables to their proper carts. Property representatives should call Recology to inquire about how to obtain free bags.



Buddy bags are available to carry recyclables

Clean Up Programs

On Call Plus

Eligible residents may schedule three (3) free appointments each year, to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture. This program is not available to apartments. Managers should call Recology to arrange a complex-wide special collection (fees will apply).

Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds each or be longer than 4' in length. Visit **Clean Up Programs** at www.MVrecycle.org for detailed set out guidelines or call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** for information and to schedule an appointment.

Vouchers

On Call appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** to request vouchers one week in advance.

Bin for a Day

Have a clean-up project that is too small for a debris box? For a fee, Recology will deliver a 4-yard dumpster to your property (see photo, right). You load it up—they pick it up (within 7 days after delivery). This service is available to all residents and businesses. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.



Bin for a day

RecycleMyJunk

Want someone else to do your clean up? For a fee, Recology can do the heavy lifting and removal for you! This service is available to all residents and businesses beginning in January 2014.

Recycling Clean Out Service

Schools and businesses may have extra recycling containers delivered once per year for a one week period (at no charge) for large clean out projects (regular mixed recyclables only). To arrange delivery call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.

Where to Recycle

Containers

Glass bottles and jars	■	■	■	■		
Metal cans and lids	■	■	■	■		
Plastic bottles and tubs	■	■	■	■		

Paper

Cardboard	■	■	■	■		
Confidential documents (shredding events, see Calendar, page 4)				■		
Mixed paper—See <i>What’s Recyclable</i>	■	■	■	■		

Organics

Christmas Trees	■	■ #		■ \$		
Yard Trimmings (no food)	■		■ #	■ \$		

Electronics (E-Waste)

Batteries (household)	■		■	■		■
Cell phones	■		■	■		
Miscellaneous electronics (computers, printers, fax machines, VCR/DVD players, radios, calculators, etc.)	□	□	■	■		
Televisions	□	□	■	■		

Other

Appliances—Large (Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers)	□	□		■ \$		
Appliances—Medium (Washer, dryer, water heater, stove)	□	□	■ #	■ \$		
Appliances—Small (microwave, other counter-top size appliances)	□	□	■ #	■		
Auto batteries				■		
Cooking oil/grease	■		■	■		
Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL’s)	■		■	■	■	■
Fluorescent light tubes				■	■	■
Furniture	□	□		■ \$		
Mattresses	□	□	■ \$	■ \$		
Motor oil and filters	■			■		■
Passenger car tires (limit four)	□	□		■ \$		

Household Hazardous Waste—see *County Household Hazardous Waste Program*

Medicine					■	■
Paint					■	■
Other household hazardous waste					■	
Sharps (hypodermic needles)				■	■	

- Accepts the listed material
- # Appointment required, call Recology
- Accepted in On Call Plus, appointment required (apartments not eligible for On Call plus, call Recology for fee service)
- \$ Fee required, call for pricing (SMaRT fee waived for residents using On Call Plus Voucher)

County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Do NOT place hazardous waste in garbage or recycling containers. Below is a partial list of the items accepted at no charge by the County-wide Household Hazardous Waste program *by appointment only*. For a full list of accepted items or to make an appointment, call or visit the website (408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org).

Batteries (household) • Fire extinguishers • Flares • Fluorescent tubes • Fluorescent compact bulbs • Medicine (except controlled substances, which are not accepted at the HHW drop off program but can be taken to Retail Take-Back Locations, see page 4) • Paint (please use Retail Take-Back Locations for paint disposal when possible, see page 4) • Pesticides • Pool Chemicals • Propane/balloon tanks • Sharps (hypodermic needles) • Smoke detectors • Solvents • Thermometers and thermostats

What’s Recyclable

Recycle

- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal cans and lids
- Plastic bottles and tubs
- Aluminum foil (clean)
- Catalogs and junk mail
- Cereal/food/shoe boxes
- Gift wrap (no metallics)
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Manila folders
- Paperback books
- Paper bags
- Phone books



Garbage

- Aerosol cans¹
- Animal waste (bagged)
- Any food/beverage soiled paper
- Black plastic
- Ceramics & porcelain
- Clamshells (lids are attached)
- Diapers
- Egg cartons (paper or foam)
- Frozen food boxes
- Hard plastics (toys, plant pots, etc.)¹
- Juice pouches and boxes
- Milk, ice cream, soup cartons¹
- Mirrors and window glass
- Paper cups, plates, napkins
- Paper towel
- Pizza boxes
- Photographs
- Plastic bags
- Plastic film & wrap¹
- Plastic cups, plates, utensils
- Pots and pans (and other metal)¹
- Pyrex and similar glass
- Snack papers & wrappers
- Styrofoam™ of any kind
- Tyvek or padded envelopes
- Waxed paper

¹ These items with limited recycling markets are accepted at Mountain View Recycling Center during drop-off hours (see page 4)

Drop Off Appointments for Household Hazardous Waste

Various dates and locations in Santa Clara County, including every third Saturday in Sunnyvale (except December).

For schedule and to make an appointment, call (408) 299-7300 or visit www.hhw.org



Retail Take-Back Locations

Paint (latex, oil, coatings, primer, stain, varnish), **Fluorescent Lamps** (compact bulbs and tubes), **Household Batteries** (no automotive batteries), and **Medications** from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

PAINT

Dunn-Edwards
1949 W El Camino Real, (650) 964-4526

Kelly Moore
180 E El Camino Real, (650) 964-5220

Kelly Moore
411 Fairchild Drive, (650) 961-0750

Please check with the store first if you have more than 5 gallons. For a list of all paint products accepted and other take-back locations in Santa Clara County, visit www.hhw.org.

FLUORESCENTS AND BATTERIES

Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, (650) 964-7871
Leave with employee at register

Orchard Supply Hardware
2555 Charleston Road, (650) 691-2000
Leave at customer service desk

Bruce Bauer Lumber and Supply
134 San Antonio Circle, (650) 948-1089
Leave with employee at register

BATTERIES ONLY

Radio Shack
530 Showers Drive, (650) 941-2320 and
1350 Grant Road, (650) 961-7964

MEDICATION

Valley Health Center at Sunnyvale
Located in the main lobby, across from security desk
660 South Fair Oaks Avenue, Sunnyvale
Mon–Thurs 8:30 am to 9:00 pm
Fri 8:30 am- 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

West Valley Patrol Sub-Station
1601 S. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino
(408) 868-6600
Mon–Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Visit www.hhw.org for a full list of medication drop-off locations.

MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS

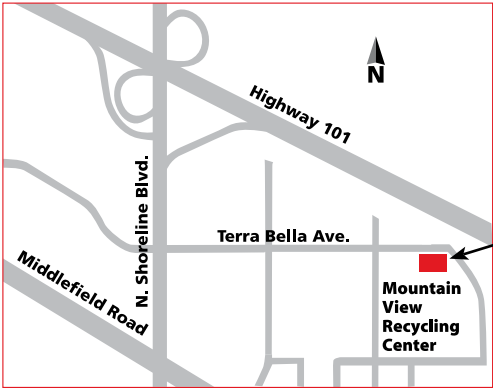
Any Certified Used Oil Collection Center
Visit www.hhw.org for list of centers

FREE Home Composting Workshop

Learn how to turn your grass, leaves, and kitchen scraps into nutritious soil. Various dates and locations in Santa Clara County. For schedule and to register, call the Rotline at **(408) 918-4640** or visit www.ReduceWaste.org.



Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers



Mountain View Recycling Center

935 Terra Bella Avenue
(650) 967-3034
www.RecologyMountainView.com

Operating Hours

Buy Back Center: Tuesday–Saturday
9 am to 4 pm

Drop Off Hours: Monday–Friday 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

Purchase extra garbage stickers or pick up Extra SMaRT Day Vouchers weekdays from 9–11 am and 2–4 pm. Please call ahead for Vouchers.

Buy Back Services

Redeem “California Redemption Value” bottles and cans for cash during buy-back hours. Remove lids from bottles.

Drop Off Services

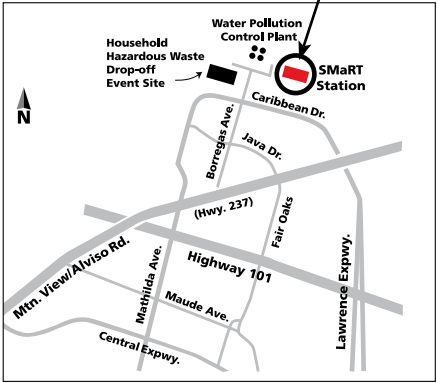
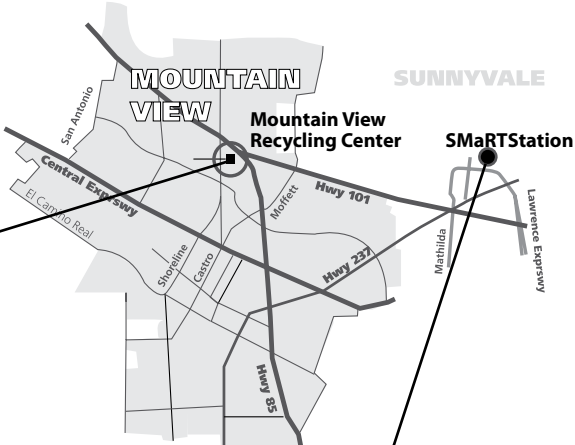
The following items are accepted at the Recycling Center during drop-off hours only. Please do not visit the Center or leave any items after hours.

- All items accepted in the curbside recycling program (see *What’s Recyclable* on page 3)
- Milk and dairy cartons
- Aseptic containers (juice, soup, soy milk)
- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Frozen food boxes (and other waxed paperboard)
- Rigid plastics (pails, buckets, plant pots, etc.)
- Textiles (unusable clothes, sheets, blankets, towels)
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long (pots/pans, trays, utensils, tools and other small all-metal items)
- Film plastic (bread and dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap, plastic packaging wrap, zip lock bags, cereal box-type liners, shrink wrap). Please bundle plastic together
- Usable clothing and shoes for donation
- E-waste (computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc.)
- Mattresses and box springs (fees apply)
- Used cooking oil (in clear plastic bottle or jug with screw top lid)
- Compact fluorescent bulbs (no tubes)
- Cell phones
- Household batteries (in clear plastic bags, tape terminals)

By Appointment Services

Appointments are available to drop off these reusable or recyclable items (limits apply). Call Recology at (650) 967-3034 to make an appointment.

- Appliances (no full size refrigerators or freezers)
- Large plastic toys
- Furniture (suitable for donation only)
- Clean wood and lumber (no painted or treated wood)
- Yard trimmings



SMaRT Station

301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale
(408) 752-8530
www.SMaRT.inSunnyvale.com

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View’s garbage, yard trimmings and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies).

Operating Hours

Daily 7 days a week 8 am to 5 pm

Drop Off Services

See table on page 3 for items accepted at no charge

Buy Back Services

Redeem “California Redemption Value” bottles and cans for cash during buy-back hours.

Free Compost and Mulch

For pick up by residents (bring ID and containers, shovels provided). Limits apply, call or visit web-site for information and to check supply.

Contact Us

Utility and Garbage Billing Information
Start or change garbage accounts, billing inquiries and purchase extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Dept.
(650) 903-6317

Garbage and Recycling Collection Services
Missed pickups, service questions, clean up and bulky good collection services, collection schedule, business recycling, debris boxes. Recology Mountain View
(650) 967-3034 or www.RecologyMountainView.com

Program Comments and Suggestions
Comments about *Resource* newsletter, information or questions about recycling or other programs. City Solid Waste and Recycling Program
(650) 903-6311, www.MVrecycle.org, or recycle@mountainview.gov

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